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BCAH Board Meeting Wednesday August 3, 2022

Present: Marie Lamey, Heather Schofield, Lynn Mackay, Nicole Duelli Absent: Christy Zettl

- 1. Acceptance of meeting agenda unanimous acceptance of the meeting agenda.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting unanimous acceptance of the minutes.
- 3. Committee update (Nicole): Nathalie is writing our Committee report an interim report will be ready for the AGM. We have one additional member who is being added to our group. This member will add some diversity to the Committee as he is a classical homeopath with a background as a medical physician from India.
- 4. Canadian Homeopathic Association (CHA) updates: Marie had a meeting with Paul from Quebec and then with Health Canada last Wednesday. Health Canada keeps adding in details like only combination remedies can make claims which keeps us busy. The guidelines are still a work in progress. An idea was put forward that we need to make sure our members know how much time we (Marie) spend(s) in these meetings fighting for homeopathy. We could add to the newsletter how many hours were spent and how many conversations were had etc. to allow remedies to continue to be available. Keeping members informed is important as this is major advocacy work, the title could be: "Keeping remedies available for homeopaths and everyone." In Norway for instance, homeopathic remedies were taken away a few years ago and what used to be 800 homeopathic professional members reduced to less than 200. While there is no immediate concern in Canada, it is important that we keep fighting to keep homeopathic medicines available.
- 5. Canadian Coalition for Homeopathy (CCFH) updates: CCFH is still working on budgeting. As a result of the HRI conference, Parent Canada Magazine is interested in a study presented and may be interested in an article on homeopathy. In September there will be an in event 20-22nd organized by Boiron in Lyon France.
- 6. Final review of AGM Notice and Nomination Form with timelines: the documents were reviewed and updated. Note that the Professions Committee report will need to be attached to the AGM Notice one week prior to the AGM. There will be a meet and greet with the board for all members but due to Thanksgiving the date was moved to Saturday October 1st. The AGM date has been set for Saturday November 5th 1:00-4:00 pm on Zoom. The member "meet and greet" would be an opportunity for all members and including new members to meet in short periods of break out rooms, with questions everyone could answer. We could coordinate it with the nomination meet-up and include a social meet and greet at the AGM at lunch time. We decided not to make a doodle poll due to the time constraints. Marie to design the next Mailchimp newsletter and include the updates about Health Canada and the possibility of a member meet up coinciding with the Nominations meet-up, as well as a call for a membership secretary.
- 7. Case Conference Saturday November 5th 2 hours in the morning then follow up with an AGM in the afternoon and possibly, Sunday November 6th if there are enough people presenting. Marie to confirm with potential presenters. Heather to reach out to Sonya about presenting at the Case Conference.

- 8. Benefits of Membership finalizing updated document was reviewed and updated. Marie to email the updated document for final comments.
- 9. Membership Coordinator: a replacement has not yet been found. We have a new member application that came in that has to be dealt with. Lynn will call the new member to have a membership interview as part of the application process and will include Heather.
- 10. Next meeting: **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.